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PATENT

In the application of: Yuichi Ueda

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Examiner: Gregory W. Adams

For: ARTICLE CONVEYING APPARATUS

**RESPONSE UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP
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- Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

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STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL 9 MINUS	20	= 0	x \$ 50.00	= \$ 0.00	
INDEP 3 MINUS	4	= 0	x \$ 200.00	= \$ 0	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+ \$ 0.00	= \$ 0.00	
			TOTAL	\$ 0.00	
			ADDIT. FEE		

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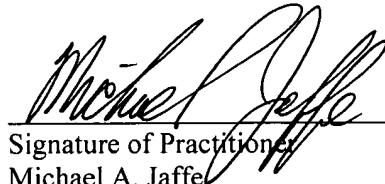
No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 31, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.